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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SITUATION IN ROMANIA

1. AT OCTOBER 28 NATO POLADS MEETING, CANADIAN REP (FOWELL) REFERRED TO RECENT POSTPONEMENTS OF SCHEDULED TRIPS BY ROMANIAN PRESIDENT CEAUCESCU TO YUGOSLAVIA AND CANADA. FOWELL SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE ROMANIAN PRESIDENT HAD ALSO POSTPONED A SCHEDULED TRIP TO CERTAIN MIDDLE EAST CAPITALS, INCLUDING KUWAIT, QATAR, AND THE EMIRATES. THIS PATTERN OF POSTPONEMENTS SUGGESTS TO THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES THAT CEAUCESCU MAY BE IN DOMESTIC POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES AND CONFIDENTIAL

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FOWELL SAID THEY WOLD WELCOME ALLIED VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT.

2. UK REP (MARGETSON) SAID THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN BUCHAREST HAD REPORTED INCREASED RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THE ROMANIAN

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AUTHORITIES ON TRAVEL BY ROMANIANS OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY, AS WELL AS A DISCOURAGING OF CONTACTS WITH FOREIGNERS. EVEN SENIOR ROMANIAN OFFICIALS WERE EXPERIENCING LONG DELAYS IN GETTING PERMISSION FOR TRIPS ABROAD. THIS NEW TOUGHNESS WAS ADVERSELY AFFECTING BUSINESS CONTACTS BETWEEN ROMANIA AND THEUK. ACCORDING TO THE UK EMBASSY REPORT, ROMANIAN OFFICIALS ARE HINTING THAT THE CLAMP DOWN RELATED TO INCREASED SOVIET SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY IN ROMANIA. THE UK REPORT ALSO REFERRED TO ROMANIAN FORRD SHORTAGES AND REXOUNTED THAT CEAUCESCU HAD RECENTLY VISITED A MARKET PLACE AND EXPRESSED DISMAY AT THE LACK OF COMMODITIES. BRITIS REPORT CONCLUDES THAT ROMANIAN ATMOSPHERE AT PRESENT IS "CHARGED AND GLOOMY" AND THAT THE SITUATIION THERE BEARS CLOSE WATCHING.

3. ACTION REQUEST: WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON CANADIAN AND UK REPORTS, IF POSSIBLE, IN TIME FOR NOVEMBER 4 POLADS MEETING.
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